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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **MAKINO, Masahiro**

Group Art Unit: **2833**

Serial No.: **10/556,358**

Examiner: **Travis Sloan Chambers**

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 26, 2007

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **November 1, 2006**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.